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In the Matter of:)	Docket No. 96A-040-INS
LAWYERS ASSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INC.,)	ORDER DENYING REHEARING
Petitioner.)))	

On April 17, 1997, the Office of Administrative Hearings, through Administrative Law Judge Lewis D. Kowal, submitted "Recommended Order Denying Rehearing" ("Recommended Order"), a copy of which is attached and incorporated by this reference. The Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance has reviewed the Recommended Order and adopts the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order to deny Petitioner's request for rehearing.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The final decision of the Director may be appealed to the Superior Court of Maricopa County for judicial review pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-166. A party filing an appeal must notify the Office of Administrative Hearings of the appeal within ten days after filing the complaint commencing the appeal, pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1092.10.

DATED this 13 day of May, 1997

John A. Greene Director of Insurance

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IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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No. 96A-040-INS

RECOMMENDED ORDER DENYING REHEARING

On March 14, 1997, Petitioner sent a letter to the Administrative Law Judge a copy of which was forwarded to counsel for the Arizona Department of Insurance (the "Department"). Petitioner was contacted by a staff employee of the Office of Administrative Hearings and was informed that it was unclear as to whether by that letter Petitioner was requesting a rehearing or review of the Director's decision that was entered in this matter. Petitioner represented that it would clarify its request with a subsequent filing. On March 31, 1997, Petitioner filed a letter wherein it stated that the March 14, 1997 along with the March 31, 1997 letter is a formal Request for Rehearing. The Department did not file any response to Petitioner's Request for Rehearing. In its Request for Rehearing, Petitioner has not presented any of the grounds set forth in A.A.C. R20-6-114 that would support a rehearing of this matter.

Based on the above, the Administrative Law Judge recommends to the Director of the Department that Petitioner's Request for Rehearing be denied.

Done this day, April 17, 1997.

Lewis D. Kowal

Administrative Law Judge

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